

taught that it is a blessing and privilege to give to Christ, the more enduring will be the lesson. Train them to sing together, and in a short time you have a choir of sweet voices. Set them to work with their willing hands for some object that enlists their sympathies, and teach them thus early that God requires a portion of their time and talents. It will not need then to be so often impressed on the mind in later years. To do all this, the adults must realize more their responsibility. The whole Church in the Parish owes a duty to them. They need the care and instruction and encouragement of the older members. If they receive these as they are growing up, the devotion of time and gifts to the cause of Christ will become a habit of their lives, and a glorious future will be in store for the Church.

NEEDLESS ALARM.

THE recent publication by Roman Catholic papers of the names of those who have seceded from the English Church to the Church of Rome during the past fifty years, has created considerable alarm in the breasts of those who dread an increase in England of the Papal power.

It has been shown, however, that so far from there being any danger that the Church is fast "going over" to Rome, as these papers would have the world believe, the very opposite is the case, a very much larger number having seceded from Rome to the Church in the same period of time.

Speaking upon this subject, the *Dominion Churchman* says:—

"The most amazing of all, however,

is to discover from the statistics published with a great blow of trumpets by the enemy's organ, that the whole number of those who have left the Church of England in 45 or 50 years is under two thousand! No less a person than Monsignor Capel, the great popular champion of Romanism in England, has confessed at last the disappointment which they experience from the meagreness of the list of converts netted after their prodigious efforts—only an average of about 30 per annum! Opportunately there has come to hand, entirely irrespective of this question, the statistics of conversions from Romanism to the Church in one of the dioceses during a period of 10 years; and the average is 35 to 40 per annum in that one diocese alone—more than that of the perversions in the whole of Great Britain! If we take this average of conversions as a fair specimen by which to judge what takes place in other dioceses, we should have 2,000 converted to the Church of England from Romanism every year in Great Britain, against less than 40 who leave the Church for Romanism in the same period!

"THE life and the work of the clergy are the best defense of the Church; but these are not the only defense. The clergy are not the Church. The laity are to be commended for the great work they have accomplished in the past generation, in the way of giving money for Church extension. In one generation they have given £30,000,000 to church building and restoration, and £15,000,000 for schools. But something more than this is needed. The clergy need from the laity the moral support of a good example. When the laity of the Church shall cheerfully give themselves to whatever aggressive work they are fitted for, and the whole Church—clergy and laity—shall band together for the battle with the enemy, then the Church "will go forth as an army with banners."—*Bishop Magee.*